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we, the State of Nebraska, should lead the nation in the recognition of the accomplishments brought about by this great individual who incidentally, of course, happened to be from the area of the state that I represent. But as a Nebraskan and as a farmer and as a user and beneficial user of all those activities that Senator Norris devoted so many years of his life to, I am very proud to stand before you and offer this resolution and ask you for its approval. I am sure Senator Wagner has some comments he would like to make also, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wagner. May we have a little more quiet in the Chamber, please. Senator Wagner.

SENATOR WAGNER: Mr. Speaker and members, I am a co-introducer of this resolution, and when you look at it, there is three parts to it, and those three parts have affected my life. I am from McCook, Nebraska. I also grew up there and it is the home of Senator George Norris. In fact, the high school I went to is just a little short distance from his home. The river basin development is one of the areas that I have been involved in, and May 31st, 1935, we had the flood through the Republican Valley there that we lost about 100 to 106 people. But in addition to that, there is other members in this body, the whole body is affected by the resolution, by the Unicameral, but there is also Senator Vickers who served upon a Rural Public Power District Board, Senator Sieck, Senator Lamb and Senator Vard Johnson and I both worked with the same engineering company and we laid out a lot of power lines throughout the State of Nebraska. When you brought power to rural Nebraska for the first time, and I think there is a lot of people probably don't really realize kind of the impact it had. But when people got power for the first time there were kind of like three essential items. They may sound kind of like a little bit low today in a way but it was basically a light bulb, an iron and a toaster, and when you look at rural America today, the amount of facilities they have had, it is considerably different. It brings us up with our city cousins and this is a result of the Rural Electrification Act. I would urge your adoption of this resolution.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on LR 75? If not, all those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted on LR 75? The Clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 35 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the resolution.